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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

FROM: 

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: AFS Interface to OIT Systems

1. The Automated FBIS System (AFS) is now in the functional design stage of development. In order to proceed with software and hardware procurement plans, we now require more explicit definition of the interfaces between AFS and OIT systems.

2. We have identified and discussed with your Network Systems Engineering Group (NSEG) those interfaces which must be defined:

a. A two-way link between AFS and the VM/ADM electronic mail system that will permit the exchange of messages between the users of the two systems.

b. An electronic link to the current Message Handling Facility (MHF) that will allow the transmission of traffic to FBIS at our IOC in June 1987. At the appropriate design stage, we would also like to begin discussing the interface to the new MHF.

c. A possible interface for the electronic transmission of selected FBIS products to SAFE. We are presently requesting a response from the DI as to whether this is a firm requirement.

3. Several possible approaches to developing the interfaces have been discussed, but NSEG must receive direction to meet the above requirements in order to proceed further. The AFS development schedule requires that interfaces between AFS and OIT be operational in the summer of 1988.

4. I would appreciate OIT's support in defining these interfaces.

cc: DDS&amp;T

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